

DISCOVER MELTON

YOUR PICKUP & PICNIC MAP

The blue icons show our suggested picnic spots - turn the map over for more details!



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Melton Mowbray Pork
Pies are geographically
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to be made near
Melton!

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Where to buy your picnic food and drink...

1 March House Farm Shop
Top End, Great Dalby, Melton
Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE14 2HA

When planning a picnic, March House Farm Shop is your one-stop-shop for all things delicious and local. Their butchery counter is a carnivore's dream, offering home-grown beef, lamb and pork. But the star of your picnic blanket? Their locally famous handcrafted pies, made with March House Farm pork! Pair with local cheeses, fresh fruits and a bottle of fine wine or local beer from their fully licensed shop. Don't forget to grab some homemade cakes for a sweet finish to your outdoor feast!
Tel 01664 562 798
www.marchhousefarmshop.co.uk

2 Vine Farm Dairy Vending Machine
Vine Farm, Top End, Great Dalby, Melton
Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE14 2HA

Add a touch of freshness to your picnic with Vine Farm Dairy's free-range milk straight from the vending machine! Produced by their own cows grazing in pastures near Melton Mowbray, this milk is as fresh as it gets. And for a sweet treat? Try their creamy milkshakes! Their vending machine also sells cheese and preserves.
Tel 07905 396 740
www.vinefarmdairy.co.uk

3 The Melton Cheeseboard
8 Windsor Street, Melton Mowbray,
Leicestershire, LE13 1BU

Cheese lovers, rejoice! The Melton Cheeseboard is your picnic paradise, offering over 140 varieties of cheese, including local Stiltons. Pair your cheese with their local beers, gins, and of course, their excellent locally made pork pies. Don't forget to grab some fresh bread and yogurts for a complete picnic spread!
Tel 01664 562 257
www.meltoncheeseboard.co.uk

4 Melton Mowbray Farmers' Market
Scalford Road, Melton Mowbray,
Leicestershire, LE13 1JY

Turn your picnic into a feast with produce from Melton Mowbray Farmers' Market, taking place every Tuesday and Friday morning. Pick up a pork pie, local Stilton and sausage rolls from Grasmere Farm.
Tel 01664 562 971
www.stkyard.co.uk/weekly-markets

5 Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe
10 Nottingham Street, Melton
Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 1NW

No picnic in Melton Mowbray would be complete without a pie from Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe. Their award-winning hand-raised pies are the perfect picnic treat. Pair your pie with some Melton Hunt Cake, chutneys, and a bottle of local beer for a true Melton Mowbray picnic experience!
Tel 01664 562341
www.porkpie.co.uk

6 Northfield Farm Shop
Whissendine Lane, Cold Overton,
Leicestershire, LE15 7QF

Northfield Farm Shop is a must visit for any picnic planner. Their multi-award-winning meats make for perfect picnic sandwiches, while their local cheeses, beers, wines and condiments add a touch of class to your outdoor dining. Don't forget to try their hand-made sausages and dry-cured bacon!
Tel 01664 474271
www.northfieldfarm.com

7 Gates' Farm Shop
Sommerby Road, Cold Overton,
Leicestershire, LE15 7QB

Vast Gates' Farm Shop offers a huge selection of food and drink. Pick up some locally sourced meat for your sandwiches, organic milk for your tea, and a selection of cheeses for a classic picnic spread. Don't forget to check out their artisan bakery for some fresh bread and sweet treats!
Tel 01664 454309
www.gatesfarmshop.co.uk

8 Croxton Village Shop
8 Main St, Croxton Kerrial,
Grantham, NG32 1QW

Croxton Village Shop is a wonderfully cute family-run independent. From Brocklebys pies to Barlows of Belvoir preserves, they've got your picnic needs covered. Don't forget to grab a hot drink and a snack for the road!
Tel 01476 870 850
www.facebook.com/CroxtonVillageShop

9 Hill Top Farm Shop
Bartholomew's Way, Welby, Melton
Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE14 3JH

Hill Top Farm Shop is a treasure trove of picnic goodies. From Faye's Fudge to Round Corner Brewing's beers, they've got everything you need for a delicious alfresco feast. Don't forget to check out their café - but be warned - you might be tempted into a hearty breakfast!
Tel 01664 813987

10 Squirrel Stores
5 The Sands, Long Clawson
Leicestershire, LE14 4PA

Squirrel Stores in Long Clawson is lovely little village shop and a great place to stock up on picnic goodies. From Hambleton Bakery cakes and bread to biscuits and local cheeses, they've got your alfresco food needs covered. There's also a good fruit and vegetable selection.
Tel 01664 822315
www.squirrelstores.co.uk

11 Buckminster Village Store
2 Main Street, Buckminster,
Leicestershire, NG33 5SA

This friendly village shop is handily located for a Buckminster picnic and offers lots of food & drink options. It's open from 7am-7pm Mon-Sat and 8am-1pm on Sundays.
Tel 01476 861180

Where to enjoy your picnic

1 Burrough Hill

Burrough Hill, the heart of Burrough Hill Country Park, is a haven for lovers of nature and history. This enchanting spot, steeped in rich history and offering panoramic views of the surrounding countryside, is the perfect place to enjoy a picnic with a difference.

As you ascend the slopes of Burrough Hill, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views that stretch across the rolling Leicestershire landscape. The hill's vantage point offers a 360-degree panorama, allowing you to take in the patchwork of fields, villages and distant woodlands.

But Burrough Hill is not just a feast for the eyes. It's also a place where you can connect with the past. This ancient site, once home to an Iron Age hill fort, whispers tales of a time long gone. Walking around the hill, you can almost feel the echoes of the past.

Now, imagine settling down amidst this natural beauty with a picnic basket filled with locally sourced treats. Picture unwrapping a pork pie from Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe in Melton Mowbray, or slicing into a piece of artisan cheese from The Melton Cheeseboard. Imagine sipping on



a cold beer from local brewery, or enjoying fresh fruits and veg picked from nearby fields and orchards.

Eating locally sourced food at Burrough Hill is an experience that connects you not just with the landscape, but also with the community that nurtures it. A picnic at Burrough Hill combines stunning views, historical intrigue and the flavours of the local land. It's a chance to step back from the hustle, to appreciate the beauty of the countryside, and to savour the tastes that make Leicestershire unique.

Useful information: Burrough Hill Country Park offers ample parking, open daily with varying closing times throughout the year. Parking costs £2.50 for the day, with Pay and Display machines available.

The park provides toilet facilities for visitors. The car park is located at Somerby Road, Burrough on the Hill, Melton Mowbray, LE14 2QZ. Please note, there are some uneven paths around the site. Cattle sometimes graze on Burrough Hill. Please follow The Countryside Code.

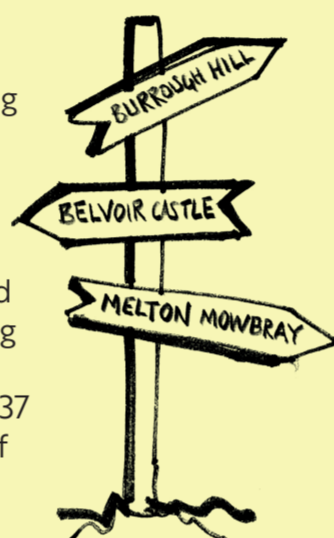


2 Long Clawson

Long Clawson Village Green, though modest in size, is the epitome of charm and community, making it an idyllic spot for a leisurely picnic. Nestled at the hub of the village, the green is adorned with two welcoming benches and a picnic table, offering a delightful space for food lovers to relax.

Overlooking the green, you'll find Squirrel Stores, a friendly village shop open seven days a week. It's a good place to gather picnic goodies, from Hambleton Bakery cakes and bread to local cheeses and samosas. The green is also looked out upon by The Clawson Kitchen, a pleasant coffee shop, and the village pub, The Crown and Plough, should you want to enhance your outing.

The crown jewel of Long Clawson is its Stilton cheese. Long Clawson Dairy, a farmers' co-operative that began its craft in 1912, is rooted in the village, employing more than 400 people and utilising milk from 37 farms within 25 miles of Long Clawson. With a reputation that spans



across the globe, it would be remiss not to indulge in this local delight. Make sure to visit the cheese shop, usually open on the last Friday and Saturday of each month.

Long Clawson's rich agricultural heritage, once underpinned by 14 village farms and fields that stretch into the picturesque hills and down to the Smite River, adds to the unique ambience. Enjoying a picnic on Long Clawson Village Green isn't just about feasting on delicious food; it's about connecting with a storied community, a taste of tradition and simple pleasures. Whether a resident or a visitor, an afternoon spent here promises to be a delightful, fun experience that lingers on the palate long after the meal is finished.

Useful information: Parking in Long Clawson village is limited and visitors are advised to park considerately. There are no specific public parking facilities but on-road parking is available. Similarly, there are no dedicated public toilet facilities in or near Long Clawson. It's always a good idea to plan your visit in advance and check local resources for up-to-date information. Please remember to respect the natural environment and the local community, and please follow The Countryside Code.

3 Melton Parks

Melton Mowbray Country Park and its four Town Estate Parks are green oases in the heart of the town, offering perfect backdrops for a picnic. The Country Park is a 140-acre haven, just a ten-minute walk from the town centre. The four Town Estate Parks – Play Close, Wilton Park, Egerton Park and Egerton Memorial Gardens – are right in the middle of the town. Play Close is the green space behind St Mary's Church, linked to Wilton Park by a small bridge. Egerton Park is divided from Wilton Park by Leicester Road. And The Memorial Gardens are next to Egerton Park.

Slightly out of the town centre, Melton Mowbray Country Park is a huge green space with a reservoir at its centre. Located at Wymondham Way, LE13 1HP, it boasts an array of wildlife, walking trails and children's play areas, making it an ideal spot for a picnic.

Play Close is a beautiful open space bordered by maturing trees and the River Eye. It's the ideal spot to lay out a picnic blanket and enjoy a pork pie. The park has a refurbished children's play area, including equipment designed for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Egerton Park, purchased by the Town Estate in 1932, offers a sense of spaciousness, with its



playing fields surrounded by the River Eye and a canal. The park is home to a wide variety of tree species, from Lime to Sycamore to Willow, providing a picturesque setting for your picnic. As you enjoy a drink and a bite, you might spot a game of cricket in progress, adding to the park's atmosphere.

Egerton Memorial Gardens, dating back to Elizabethan times and purchased by the Town Estate in 1929, offers a tranquil setting for a picnic. The well-maintained garden, with its clipped Yew and grass, overlooks Egerton Park and offers a peaceful spot to enjoy locally sourced food and drink. The garden's design, featuring the Victoria Cross and the War Memorial Terrace add a historical dimension to your picnic experience.

Enjoying a picnic in these parks is a brilliant way to connect with Melton Mowbray's rich history and vibrant community. So why not pack a basket and let the landscape and local fare feed your body and soul?

Useful information: Four free car parks serve Melton Country Park – on Wymondham Way, Redwood Avenue, Willow Drive and Doctors Lane. The Visitor Centre off Wymondham Way has disabled access, baby-changing facilities and a cafe. For the Town Estate Parks, Melton town centre offers parking and toilet facilities (at Wilton Road and St Mary's Way). These toilet facilities cost 30p. Remember to have correct change for Pay & Display machines or use the Paybyphone app.

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4 Holwell Reserves

Holwell Reserves is a nature lover's paradise, offering a unique blend of diverse habitats, rich history and abundant wildlife. This hidden gem, located just a few miles from Melton Mowbray and on the edge of the Vale of Belvoir, is the perfect setting for a picnic with locally sourced food and drink.

Imagine settling down amidst the peaceful atmosphere of these disused quarries, now transformed into a mosaic of grassland, woodland and exposed rock faces. As you enjoy your cheese and pickle sandwich – perhaps made with Long Clawson Stilton and locally baked bread – you'll be surrounded by the gentle hum of nature. The flutter of butterfly wings, the chirping of woodland birds and the rustle of leaves provide the perfect soundtrack to your meal.

The reserves reveal nature's awe-inspiring ability to reclaim and transform. The once bare rock faces and spoil heaps are now colonised by herb-rich grassland, providing sheltered sun-traps where butterflies thrive. In the spring and summer, you might spot Common Blue or Green Hairstreak butterflies, while the grasslands echo with the sounds of Green Woodpeckers.

The reserves are also a haven for several types of wildflower. In the early spring, several areas turn white with snowdrops, while later in the year, you might spot a bee orchid or



two. The lime-rich soils left by quarrying provide ideal conditions for wildflowers. But it's not just about the flora and fauna. The reserves are steeped in history, with the entrance to old mine tunnels visible. These tunnels, with their constant temperatures and fissured rocks, provide ideal conditions for bats, adding another layer of intrigue to your visit.

Enjoying a picnic at Holwell Reserves is a great way to connect with the local landscape and its history. Each bite of locally sourced food is a celebration of Leicestershire's rich culinary heritage!

A picnic at Holwell Reserves is also an immersive experience – one that combines the joy of eating locally sourced food and drink with the wonder of nature and the intrigue of history. So why not pack a basket, head to Holwell Reserves, and let the landscape and local fare feed your body and soul?

Useful information: Holwell Reserves, located about 5km north of Melton Mowbray, offers free entry and is always open, with summer being the best time to visit. Parking is available on the hard standing opposite the entrance to Brown's Hill Quarry. Please park considerately. The reserves have some steps and steep parts. Dogs are not permitted and livestock may be present. There are no toilet facilities. Please follow The Countryside Code.



5 Buckminster

A picnic on Buckminster Village Green – located to the east of Melton – is a delightful way to spend an hour or two. The historical context of the village offers a charming backdrop, with the Church of St John the Baptist standing tall since the 13th century. As you lay out your spread on the green (there's a nice sturdy bench on hand should you want one), you can enjoy the beautifully rich details of the church's exterior, with faces on the pinnacles and a carved frieze. A mausoleum stands to the east of the church.

The green itself is pleasingly large and dotted with mature trees, providing a perfect setting for your feast. Should you choose to buy your food and drink from Buckminster Village Store, you'll be supporting a local business while relishing in the fresh, locally sourced products. Whether you opt for a simple picnic from the village shop or bring along a homemade meal, the taste of the region adds to the fun of the outing.

The village's beauty doesn't stop at the green. Noted for its stunning autumnal colours and tree-lined perimeters, Buckminster offers the option to stroll on public footpaths through



Buckminster Park, which stands to the north-east of the village.

The entire experience is more than just a meal; it's a fun and engaging way to connect with the local community and appreciate rural English life. Whether you chat with shopkeepers or simply observe the daily rhythms of the village, you'll leave with a light-hearted appreciation for the place.

Finally, there's a nice, subtle touch of sustainability. By enjoying a picnic of local food and drink, you're partaking in an activity that supports the local ecosystem.

In conclusion, a picnic in beautiful Buckminster village offers a pleasant blend of local flavour, historical richness, natural beauty and convenience.

Useful information: There's plenty of on-road parking available in Buckminster but there's no dedicated public parking or public toilet facilities in the village. It's a good idea to plan your visit and please follow the Countryside Code.



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